

# AUGUST

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AT THE  
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

## AUGUST MEETINGS

Dates & Times: Matinee, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday August 14

Evenings, 8:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday August 14-15

Place: May Treat Morrison Auditorium

Speaker: George E. Lindsay

Subject: "LAND OF THE TOTEMS"

On these three occasions, the Academy will be having its own "potlatch"—its August gifts being an olio of color films and slides all of which are concerned with the Haida Indians who, for the most part are and were located on the Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, and in southeast Alaska. The Haida are generally considered to surpass all West Coast tribes in their highly conventionalized bird and animal designs and their totem poles are specially famous. They have also been singled out for their unusual social and ceremonial customs and their beautifully seaworthy dugouts.

A wealth of visual material will illuminate the Haida story including two films: "The Silent Ones" and "Haida Carver". The first is a motion picture record of an expedition to the Queen Charlotte Islands to recover totem poles and other relics from their ancient sites and bring them to the mainland for restoration and treatment. The second deals with the creation of a totem itself plus other insights into Haida culture. Even further, there will be a series of color slides taken recently and on the spot by Director of the Academy, George E. Lindsay. All in all, it promises to be a colorful and informative event.

Three presentations as usual and your membership card will admit you through the main entrance of Cowell Hall. At the matinee performance you may be asked to present it once again at the auditorium entrance.

## MORRISON PLANETARIUM

"HOW BIG? HOW BRIGHT? HOW FAR?", the summertime sky show in the Theater of the Stars, continues through September 9. The fascinating story of how man, through the centuries, has determined and arrived at some of the dimensions of space.

Performances daily at 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 8:00 p.m. with extra matinees on weekends. Admission is one dollar for adults and half-price for those 17 and under.

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

"ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MINERAL". Beginning with an enormous variety of raw materials, man has created a host of beautiful as well as utilitarian objects — be it a piece of ivory that ended up as scrimshaw or a chunk of metal that became breathtaking jewelry. In Hohfeld Gallery through September.

"EGGS, OEUFS, AEPYORNIS". Eggs to entrance the eye including the most imposing — that of the Elephant Bird of Madagascar. In Cowell Hall for an indefinite period.

"SELECTIONS FROM THE RIETZ COLLECTION"—concerns itself with the gathering, storing, preparation and serving of food. Continues indefinitely in Lovell White Hall.

"CETACEA". An extensive exhibit devoted to marine mammals. Cowell Hall.

## News and Notes



### June 28 witnessed

a happy-sad occasion for the entire staff of the CAS. At a party held in their honor in the Trustees' Room, three valued members bade adieu to their positions on the Academy roster and greeted new ones as retirees. They are pictured above (left to right): **Robert P. Dempster**, **Lillian J. Dempster** and **Edward L. Kessel**.

Together, they represent ninety-three years of service to the Academy (and they say that Americans are gypsies on their jobs!).

On her retirement, Mrs. Dempster (who will continue on a part-time basis) held the position of Associate Curator in the Department of Ichthyology. She was first employed by the CAS in 1946. Total: 28 years. Mr. Dempster retired as Assistant Superintendent and Curator, Steinhart Aquarium. He first came to the Academy in 1941 for a total of 33 years. Dr. Kessel, Associate Curator in the Department of Entomology and Editor of Scientific Publications, was first associated in 1942 for a total of 32 years.

We will miss them all — no doubt of that — for they leave quite a vacancy in our company. Nonetheless, all hail! and may many, many years of good health and happy days be yours!

## SPECIAL NOTICE

All public areas of the Academy will be open in the evenings until nine o'clock through Labor Day, September 2. Doors open daily at ten.

Advance notice of monthly Academy meetings: September 11-12, October 16-17, and November 13-14. And put a circle on your calendar around October 23.

Something unusual is in the wind!

## ACADEMY MEMBERS' TRIPS—AUTUMN 1974

### SAN DIEGO — October 26-28

Spend the long Veterans' Day weekend in San Diego sampling its variety of attractions. Arriving via air in San Diego mid-morning, Saturday October 26, we will check in at a Harbor Island hotel, dine, and then spend the afternoon at the world-famous San Diego Zoo. The evening is free for optional plans. Sunday, October 27th will be spent visiting San Pasquale (the cageless portion of the Zoo), a gem mine at Pala, and San Luis Rey Mission. Evening free. A morning visit to Sea World on Monday the 28th will complete the stay. Arrival back in San Francisco late afternoon on the 28th. Limit 40 persons. Cost: \$125 per person, 12 and over: check with Gulliver's Travel (346-4400) for family rates. Price includes transportation, hotel and lunch on the 28th. No other meals included. Deposit \$50

(check payable to Gulliver's Travel). Remainder payable by October 1. Reservations with deposit by mail, only, to Gulliver's Travel, 3597 Sacramento Street, San Francisco 94118.

#### MT. ST. HELENA: October 5

The Academy will take 40 members on a geological tour centered on Mt. St. Helena and Calistoga, Saturday, October 5. We will leave the Academy at 9:00 a.m. and travel to the wine country via chartered bus. On the way we will hear of and see the highlights of the geological and historical significance of the area with stops at selected sites. Following a picnic near Mt. St. Helena we will return home leisurely, arriving approximately 4:00 p.m. Limit 40 persons. Cost: \$10 per person. Bring the whole family! Reservations by mail only to Travel Department, California Academy of Sciences.

#### MEET THE STAFF



VINCENT F. LEE, Curatorial Assistant in the Department of Entomology, is a native San Franciscan and received his total education therein. He was awarded an A.A. degree in biology from San Francisco City College, and both his B.A. and M.A. degrees from San Francisco State University. The world of biology attracted him from childhood though there were brief beckonings from electronics and chemistry. However, biological science prevailed.

His speciality has been pseudoscorpions and he has made three different trips to Baja California (two of them with Research Associate Stanley C. Williams) collecting and researching these strange, ancient, fascinating creatures, all of which resulted in his Master's thesis on the littoral pseudoscorpions of the area. Only recently he returned from a 12-day trip for further observation and study. As Curatorial Assistant he works primarily with type specimens of both insects and arachnids. Of-

ficially he started work at the CAS in September 1968 under terms of the Educational Opportunity Program followed by further employment made possible by National Science Foundations grants. Permanent full-time staff membership came in June 1972.

Vincent has many interests: nature photography, chess (he admits being a tyro in this department), Chinese history, philosophy and politics, backpacking and volunteering his services to the Chinatown-North Beach Language Center where he teaches English. A trip abroad in 1973 took him to natural history museums in both Paris and Vienna. The subject under inquiry? Pseudoscorpions, of course.

#### NEW MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

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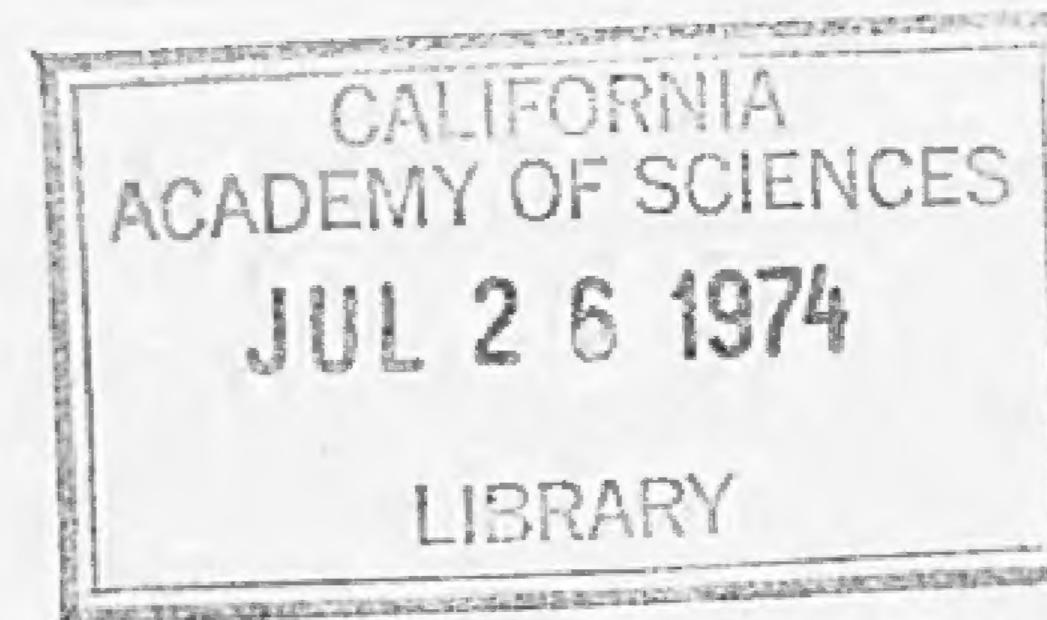
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